

III. Remarks**A. Claim Amendments**

Claims 9, 11, 16, 23 and 41 have been canceled. Claims 12 and 42 have been amended to remove the priority data comparison feature. Claims 1-8, 10, 12-15, 17-22, 24-29, 31-40, 42-52 and 70-75 remain in the application.

B. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Action rejects claims 1-24, 36-47 and 70-72 as being obvious from U.S. Patent No. 6,766,319 to Might in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0031451 to Sander et al.

The Action rejects claims 5-7, 13, 14, 19-21, 39, 40, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 75 in view of the Might and Sanders combination in further view of Official Notice taken by the Examiner.

The Action rejects claims 25-29, 31-35, 48-52, 73 and 74 as being obvious from the combination of Might and Sanders in further view U.S. Patent No. 5,743,742 to Morrel-Samuels.

Might has a U.S. effective filing date of October 31, 2000. Applicants submit a Rule 131 Declaration showing that the invention of claims 1-8, 10, 12-15, 17-22, 24-29, 31-40, 42-52 and 70-75 was conceived by the inventors prior to Might's effective filing date and that the inventors worked diligently thereafter to reduce the invention to practice. It is submitted that Might is not prior art to the present application and that these claims are in allowable form.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims are respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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